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SUMMARY. PRESS PESSIMISTIC ON LONDON. SADAT SAYS WITH-
OUT NEW ELEMENTS NO USE IN CONTINUING TALKS. SPOKESMAN
FOR EGYPT IN LONDON SAYS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO SIDES
WIDE AND DELEGATION NOT OPTIMISTIC. HODA TEWFIK AGAIN
REPORTS ATHERTON WILL TRAVEL TO AREA. GUMHURIYYA CALLS
FOR RECIPROCAL SECURITY FOR ISRAEL AND ARABS WHICH DOES

NO VIOLENCE TO ARAB SOVEREIGNTY. AKHBAR EDITOR CALLS ON CARTER TO STOP "SPOILING" INTRANSIGENT ISRAEL AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY. END SUMMARY.

1. HEADLINES JULY 19 CONVEY PESSIMISM OVER PROGRESS OF LONDON MEETING. EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN IN LONDON SAYS THERE REMAIN GREAT DIFFERENCES. HEADLINES ALSO HIGHLIGHT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT THAT TALKS ARE NOT "DIRECT" NEGOTIATIONS.

2. SADAT ON LONDON. ASKED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT ISRAEL MIGHT QUIT LONDON MEETING, SADAT SAID IN KHARTOUM THAT GOE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD "CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS" TO DISCUSS EGYPTIAN PEACE PLAN. IF THERE NO POSITIVE ISRAELI RESPONSE SADAT SAID HE COULD SEE NO USE IN CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS. PRESS ALSO PROMINENTLY COVERED SADAT REBUTTAL OF BEGIN CHARGES THAT HIS MEETING WITH ISRAELI OPPOSITION WAS ATTEMPT TO CAUSE SPLIT IN ISRAEL SAYING ISRAELIS HAD ALLEGED SAME THING WHEN HE MET LAST FEBRUARY WITH JEWISH LEADERS IN AMERICA. THIS MERELY "BLACK PROPAGANDA" ON PART OF BEGIN. TALKS WERE MERELY TO EXPLORE WHOLE SITUATION.

3. EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN ON LONDON. PRESS GAVE FULL PLAY TO REMARKS BY EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN HAMDY NADA WHO SAID GOE AWAITING "POSITIVE RESPONSES" FROM ISRAEL; DIFFERENCES UNCLASSIFIED

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BETWEEN TWO SIDES STILL WIDE; AND EGYPTIAN DELEGATION "NOT OPTIMISTIC". ISRAELIS AND AMERICANS BELIEVE AIM OF TALKS IS "ONLY" TO AGREE ON FURTHER MEETING BUT SUCH A POSITION WEAKENS AIMS OF CONFERENCE.

4. ATHERTON VISIT. HODA TEWFIK AGAIN REPORTS ATHERTON WILL START TOUR OF MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES FOLLOWING LONDON CONFERENCE, STARTING HIS TOUR IN ISRAEL AND AFTERWARDS VISITING CAIRO AND AMMAN. ATHERTON'S TOUR AIMS AT "CONTINUING CONTACTS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL THROUGH THE U.S. UNTIL A DATE FIXED FOR RESUMPTION OF CONTACTS AT ANOTHER LEVEL."

5. GUMHURIYYA EDITORIAL DEALS WITH WHAT ARABS EXPECT FROM "THE TRIPARTITE PEACE CONFERENCE." THE EDITORIAL LISTS FOLLOWING AS "COMPREHENSIVE POINTS OF BALANCED RECIPROCAL SECURITY": (A) SECURITY IN MIDDLE EAST IS RECIPROCAL; (B) IF ISRAELI SECURITY SUMMED UP IN TERMS OF SECURE DEFENSIBLE BORDERS AND INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES, ARAB SECURITY CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM "ARAB SOVEREIGNTY", WHICH ACHIEVED ONLY BY END OF ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ALL ARAB LAND; (C) SECURITY REQUIREMENT

CANNOT MEAN "EXPANSION AT EXPENSE OF OTHERS" FOR THIS
BREEDS CONFLICT AND JEOPARDIZES PEACE; (D) RECOGNITION
OF POLITICAL BOUNDARIES OF AN ENTITY REQUIRES THAT
ENTITY BE COMMITTED TO "INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY" THROUGH
RESPECT FOR UN RESOLUTIONS. EDITORIAL CALLS ON LEEDS
CONFERENCE TO ACCEPT THIS "COMPREHENSIVE CONCEPTION" IN
ORDER TO LAY DOWN FOUNDATION OF REAL PEACE. AKHBAR
EDITOR ABDEL MUNIM SUGGESTS, IN HIS OPEN LETTER TO PRESI-
DENT CARTER, WHAT EGYPTIANS SEE AS NEXT STEP: STOP
"SPOILING" AN "INTRANSIGENT" ISRAEL. CARTER CALLED ON
"AS MAN OF ETHICS" TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF UNIQUE OPPORTUNI-

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